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>From ???@??? Sat Mar 18 12:09:10 2006 -0600  
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2006 18:08:32 GMT  
From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3898  
Message-Id: <20060318175954.23DDC405B3@srvr1.theporch.com>

### BOATANCHORS Digest 3898

Topics covered in this issue include:

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- 2) ADMINISTRIVIA: NO Fancy HTML in Posts  
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by Meyer Gottesman <wrecktech@yahoo.com>
- 4) Time for a Laugh  
by Jerry Proc <jerry7proc@yahoo.com>
- 5) BA identification quiz and a laugh  
by Brian K Harris <brian.k.harris@philips.com>
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by "WF2U" <wf2u@starband.net>
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by "Freeberg, Scott \ (STP\)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>
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by w8au@sssnet.com
- 12) Re: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
by K8MF0@aol.com
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by "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>
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- 15) A repair story TV7D  
by ail0@att.net
- 16) RE: [Boatanchors] Re: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
by "Freeberg, Scott \ (STP\)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>
- 17) Re: A repair story TV7D  
by Raymond Cote <rjcote@hawaii.rr.com>
- 18) ADMINISTRIVIA: Changing Email Addresses

by listtown@nanniandjack.com (Mail List Owner)  
19) Reverse Banana Plugs ??  
by "Richard W. Solomon" <w1ks@earthlink.net>

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From: wb3fau@att.net  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Cc: Bob Roehrig <broehrig@aurora.edu>, Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: My Simpson 260... thanks guys!  
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2006 11:20:04 +0000  
Message-Id:  
<031320061120.22642.44155564000445FD0000587221604666489A0E00CC0D99@att.net>

Yes, I know, they can be a pain to use, but don't you really love that meter? I grew up with using them, and I have 2 of them. Russ

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From: listtown@nanniandjack.com (Mail List Owner)  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: ADMINISTRIVIA: NO Fancy HTML in Posts  
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2006 11:15:00 -0800 (PST)  
Message-Id: <20060313191501.1D71F1619E@osr506.nanniandjack.com>

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SOMETHING NEW IS ADDED HERE!  
Please accept this periodic posting as it is intended:  
A suggestion that will help everyone on the list...

Many many of the members of the list read through text-based mailers on systems of other than WIntel origins... this is particularly true for those members who are "off-shore" where the technology is too expensive to justify. Just keep in mind that NOT everyone reads the list postings with the very latest windowed technology.

PLEASE avoid the use of HTML and "quoted printable" in your email. If you don't know what this means, then PLEASE get help and set your mailer up so that you send your posts to the list in "PLAIN TEXT" only, with NO fancy HTML.... generally, avoid fancy fonts and colors, which will force your mailer to use the fancy stuff, and creates the problem.

There is a Web Site that tells how to send Plain Text for virtually \*ALL\* email software, INCLUDING AOL and CompuServe! It has detailed instructions for each mailer and should be followed closely...

This way we can reduce or even ELIMINATE the dreaded "Forbidden Message Format" block that trails so many emails...

Go to <http://www.expita.com/nomime.html>

Where you will find good reasons for NOT sending html "pretty print" and good techniques for sending only plain text.

You may have seen "FORBIDDEN FORMAT" in a post to the list, and wondered what happened... it is the phrase we insert to let the poster know that the post contained a binary, an attachment, HTML, a "vcard" or some other format that presents a problem to the List Processor... it enforces consideration of your fellow BoatAnchors members.

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PLEASE be considerate of the list resources and your fellow members.

Thanks for your attention

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73

Jack, W4KH/Mobile - - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Owner - - -  
listown@nanniandjack.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"  
"Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"  
Mon Mar 13 11:15:00 PST 2006

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Message-ID: <20060313200929.92434.qmail@web51011.mail.yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2006 12:09:29 -0800 (PST)  
From: Meyer Gottesman <wrecktech@yahoo.com>  
Subject: WTB Communications receiver.  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Want to buy.

An excellent boatanchor communications receiver such as:

a-Hallicrappers SX-115.

b-TMC GPR-90.

c-Collins 75A-4. Late serial number.

Asking price should be reasonable, not "ebay syndrome" price! Hi!

Tel: Meyer Gottesman, W6GIV (478-741-1710 in Macon, GA or email.

73,

Meyer Gottesman

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Message-ID: <20060314014645.89928.qmail@web34208.mail.mud.yahoo.com>  
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2006 17:46:45 -0800 (PST)  
From: Jerry Proc <jerry7proc@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Time for a Laugh  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
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Hello Everyone,

I'm sure you will find this funny and I'm very impressed with the ability of the host of the video to get through that script.

Well done!

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=5125780462773187994&q=retro+encabulator>

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Regards,  
Jerry Proc  
E-mail: [jerry7proc@yahoo.com](mailto:jerry7proc@yahoo.com)

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Subject: BA identification quiz and a laugh  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Message-ID: <OFC1B1D2B2.018AF8EE-  
ON88257131.00457EE9-86257131.0045DF1A@philips.com>  
From: Brian K Harris <brian.k.harris@philips.com>  
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2006 06:41:58 -0600  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

<http://www.shoppe.ca/FPmedia/WeAreSinking.swf>  
Brian, WA5UEK

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From: "WF2U" <wf2u@starband.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: RE: BA identification quiz and a laugh  
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2006 22:40:18 -0500  
Message-ID: <NABBLINEJDDKECLKHCAAPEE00LKAA.wf2u@starband.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This is really funny.... And now for the identification: the receiver on the right is a British Redifon R50M HF/LF marine receiver - it's a hollow-state boatanchor, so it's absolutely appropriate for this mailing list....

73, Meir WF2U  
Landrum, SC

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com  
> [mailto:owner-boatanchors@theporch.com]On Behalf Of Brian K Harris  
> Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 7:42 AM  
> To: Old Tube Radios  
> Subject: BA identification quiz and a laugh  
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> <http://www.shoppe.ca/FPmedia/WeAreSinking.swf>

> Brian, WA5UEK

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Message-ID: <1139.24.99.47.18.1142420043.squirrel@fracas.netboobie.org>  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 05:54:03 -0500 (EST)  
Subject: Re: Time for a Laugh  
From: "Marty Reynolds' debris field" <polepeeg@aaa4rm.ba-watch.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Cc: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
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Brian, Jerry... I LOVE 'em both!

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MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Subject: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 09:01:44 -0600  
Message-ID: <159D9606C7F1304C8059DAEB6B2ED8BE0B3D4C@STPEVS01.stp.guidant.com>  
From: "Freeberg, Scott \ (STP\)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

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air.

Thanks. 73, Scott WA9WFA

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Message-ID: <12ea01c6484d\$06efac50\$3201a8c0@w8ut>  
From: "Al Parker" <anchor@ec.rr.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 11:25:08 -0500  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Scott,

I got a bug a few months ago that I think is a Speed-X, it also was missing that spring. I modified a spring that I think I got from a ball point pen. You can see it all at:

<http://www.boatanchors.org/BugIdent.htm>

I had asked on another list if anyone could ID it for me, and the general opinion is that it may be a Speed-X, but some of the parts are not quite the same, and it may be a "brand-x" unknown-name, as there apparently were a few small mfgs thru the yrs. Anyhow, it's a nice user.

If anyone has any more ideas on ID, pse jump in.

73,

Al, W8UT

New Bern, NC

BoatAnchors appreciated here

<http://www.boatanchors.org>

<http://www.hammarlund.info>

----- Original Message -----

From: "Freeberg, Scott (STP)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>  
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 10:01 AM  
Subject: Johnson Speed X Bug Question

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Message-ID: <44185595.50203@comcast.net>  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 10:57:41 -0700  
From: "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Identify a large inductor, please...  
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;  
boundary="-----060906010601000104030003"

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Message-Id: <6.2.1.2.0.20060315125842.02cfbd60@mail.sssnet.com>  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 13:46:48 -0500  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: w8au@sssnet.com  
Subject: Re: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
Cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>, boatanchors@mailman.qth.net  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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Perry w8au

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From: K8MFO@aol.com  
Message-ID: <2c5.54e94e3.3149c7de@aol.com>  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 14:41:18 EST  
Subject: Re: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;  
boundary="-----1142451678"

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Speed-X made many bugs with no nameplates. Some were marketed by Sears Roebuck and other retailers. I have had several of them over the years. The bug in question is almost certainly a "no label" Speed-X.

73

Don K8MFO

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Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 13:28:00 -0700  
From: "Herbert M. Rosenthal" <herbrose@comcast.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Identify my inductor please.  
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From: W7QH0@aol.com  
Message-ID: <266.78bf1ff.314a443f@aol.com>  
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2006 23:31:59 EST  
Subject: Re: Identify a large inductor, please...  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="ISO-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

In a message dated 3/15/06 9:59:34 AM, herbrose@comcast.net writes:

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> idea of the power level it was designed for.  
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Looks like something out of a Coast Guard T-200 xmtr I had once. The T-200=  
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had a couple of 807s in the PA so maybe 80 -100W carrier out. =20

As to power handling capability in an L network, I use a coil with=20  
approximately the same wire size and physical dimensions in a remotely contr=  
olled=20  
antenna tuner here. Have experienced no problems running legal max AM and=20=  
SSB on=20  
75 & 40M.

Dennis D. W7QHO  
Glendale, CA

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From: ail0@att.net  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: A repair story TV7D  
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2006 22:05:51 +0000  
Message-Id:  
<031620062205.11064.4419E13E000A5B7E00002B382160466648CF04070E@att.net>

About a month ago, I went to use my TV7D and the shorts light lit up and the meter did not move when I tried to adjust the line voltage. So I put it aside and used my Hickok instead. One should always have a spare tube tester. I prefer the TV7 because it is smaller, lighter, covers more tube types and is a heck of a lot easier on the thumbs. I just finished 10 days in the hospital with blood clots and am feeling well on daily doses of rat poison, so I decided to celebrate by fixing something. I pulled the TV7 from its case and tested the 83 and the 5Y3 - both good. Did not find any obvious problems. Removed the leads from the meter and found nothing. So I put the leads back on - after dropping the same terminal screw three times, it ran away to screw heaven on the fourth try. (I was working in an area carpeted with tight weave industrial carpet which explains my finding the screw three times. So I unscrewed the meter from the case and put the connection screws (one new

, one old) in, remounted the meter and the set worked. Tested a couple of tubes and put it back into the case. It still worked, but the case was on the wrong way around, so I took out the 12 screws and put it in the right way around. It was shorted again. Out came the 12 screws; out came the unit ( a tight fit in the case) and I looked more carefully and found a piece of black vinyl tape on a projecting metal rail. It seemed to be a bit frayed at one point. Put a second piece of tape over the tape; put it back into the case; put only 4 screws back; and it works. The proper cure would have been to cut a notch into the rail and then tape it, but the case is made from left-over battleships and not likely to cut, so I took the easy way out. Moral is: look for what the previous owner did to it before jumping off of the dock into deep waters.

Time to put the rest of the case screws back.

73's

Art K3HBA

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Subject: RE: [Boatanchors] Re: Johnson Speed X Bug Question  
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2006 16:26:22 -0600  
Message-ID: <159D9606C7F1304C8059DAEB6B2ED8BE0B3D5D@STPEVS01.stp.guidant.com>  
From: "Freeberg, Scott \"(STP)\" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Several list members have emailed me off line with photos and info on =  
that missing Speed X spring. Thanks alot guys for your help! 73, Scott =  
WA9WFA

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Message-ID: <441A8526.6070506@hawaii.rr.com>  
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2006 23:45:10 -1000  
From: Raymond Cote <rjcote@hawaii.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Subject: Re: A repair story TV7D  
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Thanks Art. This is the type of repair story that makes this site so grea=  
t!

Keep up the good work and maybe the rest of us will write more.  
Ray in Hawaii

ail0@att.net wrote:

>About a month ago, I went to use my TV7D and the shorts light lit up and=  
the meter did not move when I tried to adjust the line voltage. So I pu=  
t it aside and used my Hickok instead. One should always have a spare tub=  
e tester. I prefer the TV7 because it is smaller, lighter, covers more tu=  
be types and is a heck of a lot easier on the thurmbs. I just finished 1=  
0 days in the hospital with blood clots and am feeling well on daily dose=  
s of rat poison, so I decided to celebrate by fixing something. I pulled =  
the TV7 from its case and tested the 83 and the 5Y3 - both good. Did not=  
find any obvious problems. Removed the leads from the meter and found n=  
othing. So I put the leads back on - after dropping the same terminal sc=  
rew three times, it ran away to screw heaven on the fourth try. (I was wo=  
rking in an area carpeted with tight weave industrial carpet which explai=  
ns my finding the screw three times. So I unscrewed the meter from the c=  
ase and put the connection screws (one new

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>old) in, remounted the meter and the set worked. Tested a couple of tub=  
es and put it back into the case. It still worked, but the case was on th=  
e wrong way around, so I took out the 12 screws and put it in the right w=  
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>around. It was shorted again. Out came the 12 screws; out came the un=  
it ( a tight fit in the case) and I looked more carefully and found a=  
piece of black vinyl tape on a projecting metal rail. It seemed to be a=  
bit frayed at one point. Put a second piece of tape over the tape; put =  
it back into the case; put only 4 screws back; and it works. The proper =

cure would have been to cut a notch into the rail and then tape it, but the case is made from left-over battleships and not likely to cut, so I took the easy way out. Moral is: look for what the previous owner did to it before jumping off of the dock into deep waters.

> Time to put the rest of the case screws back.

> 73's

>Art K3HBA

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"Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

William Penn=20

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From: listtown@nanniandjack.com (Mail List Owner)  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: ADMINISTRIVIA: Changing Email Addresses  
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2006 11:15:00 -0800 (PST)  
Message-Id: <20060317191501.2A28A160A2@osr506.nanniandjack.com>

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This periodic post is intended to help subscribers whose email address has changed, preventing posting or receipt of the list.

If you change ISP (InterNet Service Provider), simply send me an email advising the change, and I will do my best to implement the change quickly.

For those unfortunates, whose ISP has made a change without advising their customers of the potential impact of that change on subscribers to email lists like the boatanchors, where one must be a subscriber to post to the list, try to follow along...

Under some circumstances, the changes to your email address are "transparent" to you, but prevent posting. I get error notification for these kinds of problems, and I try to work them out. However, I may miss one, and on this end, the process is anything BUT automatic.

You have a bigger stick than I do. You and your ISP have the primary responsibility to repair the problems caused by the change at the ISP. I have zero leverage with your ISP, and you have great leverage.



Most ISP maintain a customer service department to help with problems like these. This should be your first line of support for email problems. I am happy to assist and consult, but try to understand that when your ISP makes a change to their email handler, and that change prevents you from posting to the boatanchors list, I can help, but resolving this problem is your responsibility, working with your ISP. I am but a volunteer, contributing my time to administer the list.

Thank you for your attention.

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Jack, W4KH/Mobile - - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -  
listown@nanniandjack.com - "Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose"

"Il n'y a que les idiots qui ne changent jamais d'idee"

Fri Mar 17 11:15:00 PST 2006

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From: "Richard W. Solomon" <w1ksz@earthlink.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Reverse Banana Plugs ??  
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2006 13:08:21 -0500  
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I picked up a Simpson DVM that uses Reverse Banana Plugs. I tried Google but came up empty. Anyone know where I can get a set of test leads that uses them ?

73, Dick, W1KSZ

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